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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

### GERMAN ELECTIONS.

LONDON, January 20.  
Strong police patrols guarded the voting urns at 880 booths in consequence of a rumoured intention to destroy them. Troops guarded the others throughout the night. This explains why the counting was delayed.

LONDON, January 20.  
An Amsterdam message says that during the German elections some firing, including machine-gunning, occurred at night-time in the vicinity of the "Vorwarts" buildings. Government troops retreated, whereupon the Spartacists discontinued. Apart from this sporadic firing, nothing important occurred in Berlin. The elections were carried out without disturbance.

A feature was that women and soldiers voted for the first time, the former being particularly in evidence. Families mostly proceeded en bloc to the polling booths, led by the head of the family.

**TROUBLE IN PROVINCES.**  
Serious disturbances occurred in some provincial places. Spartacists fired on the polling booths at Hamburg and partly prevented voting at Kattowitz. They stole the voting urns at Dinslaken.

**SEARCHED FOR ARMS.**  
Amsterdam reports that on election day in Berlin Government troops constantly searched pedestrians, also occupants of motor-cars and carriages, for arms.

**HAMBURG ELECTIONS.**  
LONDON, January 21.  
A Copenhagen message reports that the Hamburg elections passed off quietly. There was heavy polling.

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**A "HAYAS" MESSAGE.**  
LONDON, January 20.  
A "Hayas" message, duplicating the account of the opening of the Paris Conference, remarks that it opened exactly, day for day, 48 years after the founding of the German Empire.

It gives this new phrase from M. Clemenceau's speech, that "we came here as friends; we hope to leave the Conference room as brothers." Everything should be subordinated to brotherly unity.

The message adds that the Powers have agreed to lift to a certain extent the blockade in Germany in order to relieve the shortage of fats, which shortage is said to encourage Bolshevism. But (adds "Hayas") the blockade remains the biggest weapon in the hands of the Allies with which to force terms when signing the final treaty with the enemy.

**THE TEA TRADE.**  
LONDON, January 22.  
The Times says the tea trade is dissatisfied with the continuance of war-time restrictions. Probably the Government will be pressed to allow the trade to exercise the individual enterprise which, it is maintained, is now essential if the whole industry is not to be permanently injured. It is understood that if the present flat price of 2s. 8d. per pound be abolished, large distributing firms are prepared to guarantee that all the cheap tea required will be available, and that no loss shall be incurred by the Government through the liquidation of supplies.

**THE ROYAL BEREAVEMENT.**  
LONDON, January 19.  
A medical bulletin with reference to Prince John's death states that he had suffered since infancy epileptic fits, which were lately more frequent and severe. The Prince passed away in his sleep, following an attack at 5.30 in the afternoon of January 18 at Sandringham.

### SWEDISH AND ESTHONIA.

LONDON, Jan. 19.  
Stockholm reports that the Swedish General Sjalmarsen has arrived at Helsinki from Esthonia where he has been investigating the question of sending a Swedish voluntary expedition to help the Esthonians. He states that the Bolsheviks are fleeing panic-stricken, and now occupy only one-sixth of Esthonia. They had murdered 800 persons, including women, children, and aged people in the town of Wesenburg. General Sjalmarsen considers the Swedish assistance as hardly advisable, owing to the precariousness of the economical situation.

### CHOLERA AT BOMBAY.

LONDON, Jan. 18.  
Bombay reports on Jan. 8 that following the influenza epidemic, Bombay is now suffering severely from cholera, the spread of which is largely attributable to a heavy influx of people from the famine districts. The death roll at Bombay for the week ending Jan. 4, was 1,900, of which 750 were due to cholera. In the preceding week there were 1,600 deaths, of which 550 were due to cholera. The latest figures, however, show a considerable improvement.

### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

#### DEATH OF PRINCE JOHN.

#### STOIC EXAMPLE OF ROYAL PARENTS.

LONDON, January 20th.  
The last moments of Prince John came so quietly and unexpectedly that there was no time for the nurse who was with him to summon Their Majesties to the bedside before he passed away.

The newspapers sympathetically point out how Their Majesties laboured unceasingly in war time, burying the tragedy of their youngest son's delicate health in silence in their hearts, never hinting to the nation the nature of the personal anxieties weighing upon them. Every father and mother throughout the Empire will understand what it means to lose the baby of the family.

All the newspapers emphasise that the Empire's sympathy will be heightened by the knowledge of Their Majesties' splendid and untrifling example of public service during the past four years of war.

In recent years the delicate health of Prince John necessitated that he should always have an attendant. Consequently, he was never seen on public occasions with the others of the Royal Family, but lived in comparative privacy at Frogmore or Sandringham. The burial will probably be private, at Sandringham, on January 21st.

Public sympathy was expressed at all the Churches yesterday. The Archbishop at St. Paul's invited the congregation to join in silent prayer.

LONDON, January 20th.  
The Court will go into mourning for a month from January 20th, and half-mourning for a fortnight after that period.

### ESTHONIAN SUCCESS.

HELSINGFORS, January 20th.  
An Esthonian communique records the fact that the enemy's Seventy-Sixth Regiment, comprising 500 men, were taken prisoners.

### GERMAN ELECTIONS.

AMSTERDAM, January 20th.  
A telegram from Berlin states that the polling for the National Assembly occurred on January 19th. The country was divided into 37 electoral districts. Every man and woman over the age of 20 had a right to vote. There were separate polling booths for men and women. The system is one of proportional representation. The final results will be known on January 25th.

BERLIN, January 20th.  
The National Assembly elections passed off without special incident. Outside the various polling booths immense crowds, including a great many women, awaited patiently and calmly their turn to vote. Strong forces of Government troops occupied all the important points, also patrolled on foot and in motor cars.

Voting in Berlin, Potsdam and Spandau was extraordinary heavy. A notable spectacle in Berlin was the huns proceeding to the polling booths in bodies. Reports from the provinces also indicate heavy polling and very low disturbances.

AMSTERDAM, January 20th.  
The Handelsblad correspondent telegraphs from Berlin the following results from the 24 Berlin polling booths: the German Democrats, 7,375; the German Nationalists, 4,703; the Independent Socialists, 3,005; the German Peoples' Party, 3,890; the Central Party, 2,244.

So far as can be ascertained the majority Socialists secured a large majority in the Berlin suburbs. Berlin, excluding suburbs, has 1,400,000 voters of whom at least 1,200,000 voted.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

### THE KAISER'S GUILT.

#### LIABLE TO PERSONAL PUNISHMENT.

PARIS, January 19th.  
In an official bulletin the Conference publishes a report upon the ex-Kaiser's responsibility for the war by jurists mentioned yesterday, namely, M. Larnaudie, the doyen of the Faculty of Law and M. De La Pradelle, Professor of International Law at the Paris University.

The report which has been presented to the Peace Conference, concludes as follows:—  
"The ex-Kaiser is answerable in his own person, both in penal and civil law, for the war and the crimes committed by the armed forces under his command."

"The ex-Kaiser's position is similar to that of the Directors of a public company, who can be punished by criminal law, while the position of the German nation is similar to that of the shareholders who cannot."

"The ex-Kaiser cannot escape the responsibility because the German constitution gives him alone the power of decision. The German sovereign depends solely upon God and his sword."

"The ex-Kaiser, in his speeches, frequently expressed this view of his authority, and according to the Constitution, the ex-Kaiser declares war in the name of the Confederacy, of which Prussia is the dominant partner—and the ex-Kaiser was the King of Prussia."

"Moreover, as the Supreme War Lord, the ex-Kaiser possessed unlimited authority over the Army and Navy, and the German authorities, quoted, as emphasising the ex-Kaiser's absolute liberty of decision, a letter showing that the ex-Kaiser desired and ordered the ferocious methods of warfare."

**HIS CRAZE FOR "TERRORISM."**  
"The ex-Kaiser, in the early days of the war, wrote to Emperor Francis Joseph 'Everything must be put to the fire and sword. Men, women, children, and old men must be slaughtered, not a house or tree be left standing. With these methods of terrorism, which alone are capable of affecting a people as degenerate as the French, the war will be over in two months.'"

The report continues:—  
"Thus the ex-Kaiser incurred personal responsibility to which must be added the civil responsibility of the German Empire. Both are responsible; the Empire at civil law, and the ex-Kaiser at penal and civil law, according to the most elementary rules of right."

Finally, the jurists state:—  
"The Prince's guilt of an unjust war is liable to personal penalties if such are necessary for the sake of example, for the security of the injured party, and for the security of human society."

### PARIS CONFERENCE.

LONDON, January 20th.  
The Times correspondent at Bern, telegraphing on January 19th, stated that Count von Bantzen and Herr Schiedemann will represent Germany at the General Peace Conference.

Lieut. Colonel Sir Maurice Baring, Secretary of the Imperial War Cabinet, has been appointed the British representative on the Peace Conference Secretariat.

The other four great Powers will make similar appointments.

### GERMAN TRADERS' PLANS.

LONDON, January 20th.  
The Daily Express correspondent in Berlin states that hundreds of thousands of Germans are busily planning to come to England and America to resume their world-wide business operations as soon as the steamers recommence.

### INDIAN FEEL.

LONDON, January 20th.  
A Peesage for the Under Secretary of State for India, Sir S. P. Sinha, is officially announced.

### PORTUGAL.

LONDON, January 20th.  
A message from Lisbon states that the Monarchic conspiracy at Oporto and elsewhere has proclaimed ex-King Manuel King. It is reported that ex-King Manuel is discouraging the movement.

### POLAND.

PARIS, January 19th.  
The Paderewski Government, which is convening the Constituent Assembly on February 9th has called up the 1898 class in Russian Poland.

### FRANCE'S CHRONIC FEAR.

#### PRESIDENT WILSON REASSURES.

PARIS, January 20th.  
M. Dubost, the president of the Senate, presided at a Senate luncheon in honour of President Wilson. He referred to France's exposure to German attacks. World harmony was only possible when France was rid of the nightmare of invasion.

President Wilson, replying, paid a glowing tribute to France's sacrifices. He said there were many new elements which should help to reassure France against future attacks.

### TEA AUCTION.

LONDON, January 20th.  
(Delayed).  
Yesterday's tea auction is generally considered a success. A million pounds were sold. Buyers were believed to represent Scandinavia, Holland and France. About 1s. 10d. per pound was paid for some of the best orange pekoe.

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THE Undersigned has received instructions from Mrs. J. S. Dore to sell by Public Auction, on

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stool).

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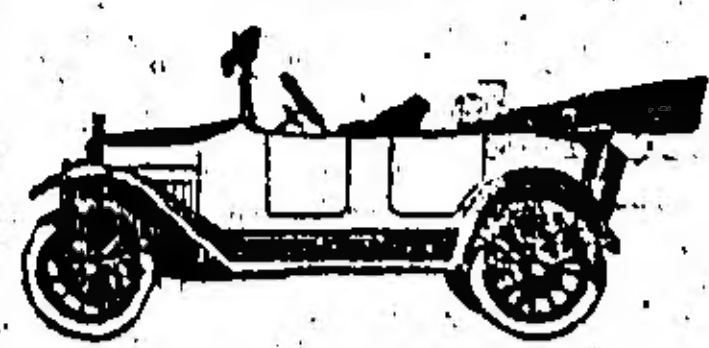
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**PRINCE OF WALES TO VISIT JAPAN.**

The Imperial Court, Tokyo, will decide whether General H.H. Prince Kan-in to Europe, and America as "Envoy for the congratulation of the Allies' Victory. Rumours say that the above courtesy will be reciprocated by the British Royal Court by sending to the Tokyo Court H.H.H. the Prince of Wales.

**A LAMENT.**

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**FROM PRIVATE TO COLONEL.**

Lieut.-Col. Bernard W. Vane, of the Sherwood Foresters, who was killed in action, joined the Army as a private. He won the M.C. and Bar and the D.S.O. and was wounded five times. He was formerly curate of St. Barnabas Church, Leicester, and at one time held the position of assistant master at the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Boys' Orphanage School. He was assistant master and chaplain at Wellington School when he enlisted. When at Cambridge in 1910 he played hockey for the university; at Leicester he played for the Stonygate Rugby F.C.

**MAFFICKING.**

At Lloyds much valuable property of tradesmen and others was insured against civil commotion and riots for six to 12 months at premiums ranging from 10s. to 40s. per cent. The highest rates being on jewellers' shops. There was much complaint that this should be necessary. The insurances are not confined to the Metropolis, but to all the large provincial cities and towns. Charing Cross Hospital received in six hours 50 "casualties" due to the rejoicings in Trafalgar square and the neighbourhood. This was stated by a doctor at the inquest on Mrs. E. V. Hill, 41, of Putney, who was run over by a crowded motor lorry in the square. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

**SIGN OF THE GRASSHOPPER.**

Martin's Bank, which had its origin in the sixteenth century, and for 400 years carried on business in Lombard-street, under the sign of the grasshopper, is to amalgamate with the Bank of Liverpool. The house of Martin, which assumed its present form in 1891, is one of the original members of the London Bankers' Clearing House. The paid-up capital of the joint institutions will be £2,046,000. With deposits totalling between £55,000,000 and £60,000,000, the combined bank will become a large institution, though it will not compare in magnitude with some of the other mammoth banks with deposits of £200,000,000 and over.

**SHORTER DAY'S WORK.**

One way of diminishing unemployment in the future would be to reduce the working day to eight or even fewer hours. For many years the Trades Union Congress have pressed for a legal eight hours day, and the miners have enjoyed the boon for some years without reducing the coal output. Messrs. Huxley and Palmer are conceding an eight-hour day at their great biscuit factory at Reading, and the "Holler-makers' Society are trying to arrange a 44-hour week. In all Government factories the working day has been eight hours since 1894. Some employers, who are not the least successful, go further. Lord Leverhulme advocates a six-hour day, and quotes a long list of authorities who claim that shorter hours do not mean a reduction of output. The report by Dr. Vernon on the health of munition workers, showed, for instance, that a group of women, working 11 hours a day, made 100 articles an hour, and that the same group, when their hours were reduced to seven and a half a day, turned out 136 articles an hour.

**A BLACK DIAMOND.**

A planter of Kuala Selangor is the lucky owner of a magnificent specimen of that rare precious stone, a black diamond. Its weight is but two and a half carats, not a very large sized stone for an ordinary white diamond, but quite above the ordinary size for a stone of this colour. It has been beautifully cut, and has no less than twenty-four facets on its surface. When in Singapore a few weeks ago, the wife of the owner of this stone took it to experts for valuation. She was told that the value of it was anything from \$5,000 to \$10,000, its real price depending on just where a suitable market could be found for so rare a stone.

**SALVED BY FIVE ENGINES.**

Novelty and mystery attach to the story of the saving of the cross-Channel steamer "Onward" during the war. It burst into flames while lying in a southern port on the English coast, apparently by an act of treachery, for the fierceness of the fire indicated that thermal bombs had been thrown into the forepart of the ship. To prevent the fire spreading to the quay the ship was towed a little distance and scuttled. She listed and rolled on to her side in the comparatively shallow water. In the subsequent salvage operations it was decided to make use of the railway truck alongside the quay. Five railway locomotives, after a tremendous struggle, slowly dragged the "Onward" into an upright position, enabling her to be patched temporarily and towed to the Thames for repairs.

**LATE BISHOP OF CALCUTTA.**

A Calcutta wire of January 2 states that the Lord Bishop of Calcutta and Metropolitan in India and Ceylon, Dr. Le Froy, died in the Presidency Hospital, Calcutta, at 11 p.m., on January 1. The late Bishop was in Singapore as the guest of Bishop Ferguson-Davie and Mrs. Davie in August last, having gone there in the hope of recuperating from a severe illness. Bishop Le Froy consulted a specialist in Java regarding his complaint which did not prove amenable to treatment, and ever since his return to India from Singapore, the late Bishop has been bed-ridden, first at Ranchi and after his removal from there, in Calcutta. Dr. Le Froy drew a lot of criticism on himself owing to some of his sermons during war time, and but for that he was much loved by Europeans and Indians alike. Before he became Bishop of Calcutta he did great missionary work in the Punjab. For the present Bishop Whitehead, of Madras, is acting as Bishop of Calcutta and Metropolitan in India and Ceylon.

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THE Underigned have received instructions from Messrs. D. Macdonald & Co., to sell by Public Auction, on

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Hongkong, Jan. 17, 1919.

**PUBLIC AUCTIONS.**

THE Underigned have received instructions from the Hon. the CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, to sell by Public Auction, on

**MONDAY,**  
January 27, 1919, at 11 a.m., at the Central Police Station,  
**CONDEMNED AND CONFISCATED GOODS.**

Terms—Cash.  
**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers to the Government.  
Hongkong, January 26, 1919.

**THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.**  
**THERAPION No. 1**  
**THERAPION No. 2**  
**THERAPION No. 3**

SAVARESSE'S  
**SANTAL CAPSULES**

ALL PERSONS with the exception of those of Chinese race desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person at the Central Police Station between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Applicants will be required to produce Passports or Identification papers. All persons, with certain exceptions, who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.P.O. and at all Police Stations.

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## INTIMATIONS.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on WEDNESDAY, 29th January, 1919, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY 18th, to WEDNESDAY 29th January, 1919, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**A. SHELTON HOOPER,**  
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
General Agents for the  
WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, January 18, 1919.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, 29th January, 1919, at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.**  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary.

THE GENERAL MANAGERS.  
Hongkong, January 13, 1919.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on WEDNESDAY, 29th January, 1919, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**A. SHELTON HOOPER,**  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1919.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on WEDNESDAY, 29th January, 1919, at 12.15 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY 18th, to WEDNESDAY 29th January, 1919, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,**  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1919.

UNION-WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Limited, on THURSDAY, the 30th January, 1919, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to 30th January, 1919, both dates inclusive.

**DODWELL & CO., LTD.,**  
General Managers.

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Dated the 20th January, 1919.  
**GEO. BANKER,**  
**S. E. GREEN.**

### NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THOMAS PERCIVAL LINDSAY WOODS is authorized to SIGN our firm per procuration.  
Dated the 20th January, 1919.  
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## A JAPANESE WHO THINKS GERMANY WAS RIGHT.

Considering the fact that Prince Konoye is representing Japan at the peace conference, his opinion as to the causes of the war are especially interesting. He does not accept the Allied and American opinion that Germany was an enemy to the cause of humanity. In his opinion, to quote from the translation by the *Herald of Asia*—

The European war was a conflict between Powers in being and Powers to come, that is to say, between countries that considered it advantageous to maintain the "status quo" and those that thought it convenient to destroy the existing state of things. The former advocated peace and the latter war. It cannot be said that the advocates of peace always act in conformity with justice and humanity, while those favoring war are necessarily their violators. Prince Konoye goes on to say that supposing the condition in Europe before the war was perfect, the disturber of it would be justly called the enemy to the cause of humanity and justice. But if the contrary was the fact the disturber of peace cannot necessarily be the enemy of humanity, and the nations that endeavored to maintain the "status quo" have no qualifications to be proud of their attitude. No doubt the condition before the war was satisfactory from the viewpoint of Great Britain and America, but it can not be said so, when considered from the viewpoint of justice and humanity. As may be seen in their history of colonization England and France occupied most of less civilized countries long ago and made them their colonies. In consequence Germany and other late comers could hardly find any land to secure for their expansion. This state of things was contrary to the fundamental principle of equal opportunity and a menace to the right of equal existence of different countries. The writer considers it just and right for Germany to have tried to destroy this state of things. He does not endorse the measures taken by her, but expresses sympathy for her in the position which compelled her to act as she did. In short, the British and American principle for peace was the same as that advocated by three centuries of maintaining the "status quo" and had no connection whatever with the principles of humanity and justice. Nevertheless, Japanese, enchanted by the beautiful and high-sounding words uttered by British and American statesmen in their declarations, have been misled to thinking that peace is equal to justice, and in spite of Japan being in a position like Germany to wish for the destruction of the "status quo," are drunk with an Anglo-American peace welcoming the idea of a League of Nations like a heaven sent gospel. This attitude of the Japanese people (says the Prince) is ignoble and greatly to be detested.

## BRITISH SHIPPING LOSSES.

The gross tonnage of British steamships lost from marine and war perils since the outbreak of war was 8,948,000. The additions by new construction, purchases abroad and enemy tonnage captured and brought into service, was 8,443,000 tons gross, leaving a net deficit up to the end of September of 3,143,000 gross tons. This does not include the October figures but these statistics are sufficient for all practical purposes.

The sum of British tonnage in July, 1914, was 18,662,000 gross tons, as stated in Lloyd's Register, and with that as a basis, we get the following result:

Total 1914.	18,662,000 Tons.
Losses	8,948,000 or 47.96%
Balance	9,714,000 or 52.04%
Made good	8,443,000 or 86.81%
Net difference.	3,143,000 or 16.85%

This deficiency of 3 1/2 million tons will not be beyond the power of Germany to make good if it is part of the terms of peace that her shipping must be surrendered, and if we do get from her these 3 1/2 millions we shall be no worse off as regards the volume of tonnage than we were four and a half years ago.

If all British steamers lost from war perils are to be made good by a money indemnity Germany's bill is a very heavy one. Taking the war losses at 8,900,000 gross tons, we get the following results in cash:

At 215 per ton	2,127,500,000
At 20 "	1,770,000,000
At 30 "	2,670,000,000
At 40 "	3,570,000,000

If the value of the steamers sunk is taken as the current value at time of loss, the average price will be high, for most of the tonnage sunk was in 1917, when values were not far from the top mark. In addition, there are the values of private cargoes sunk.—"Economist."

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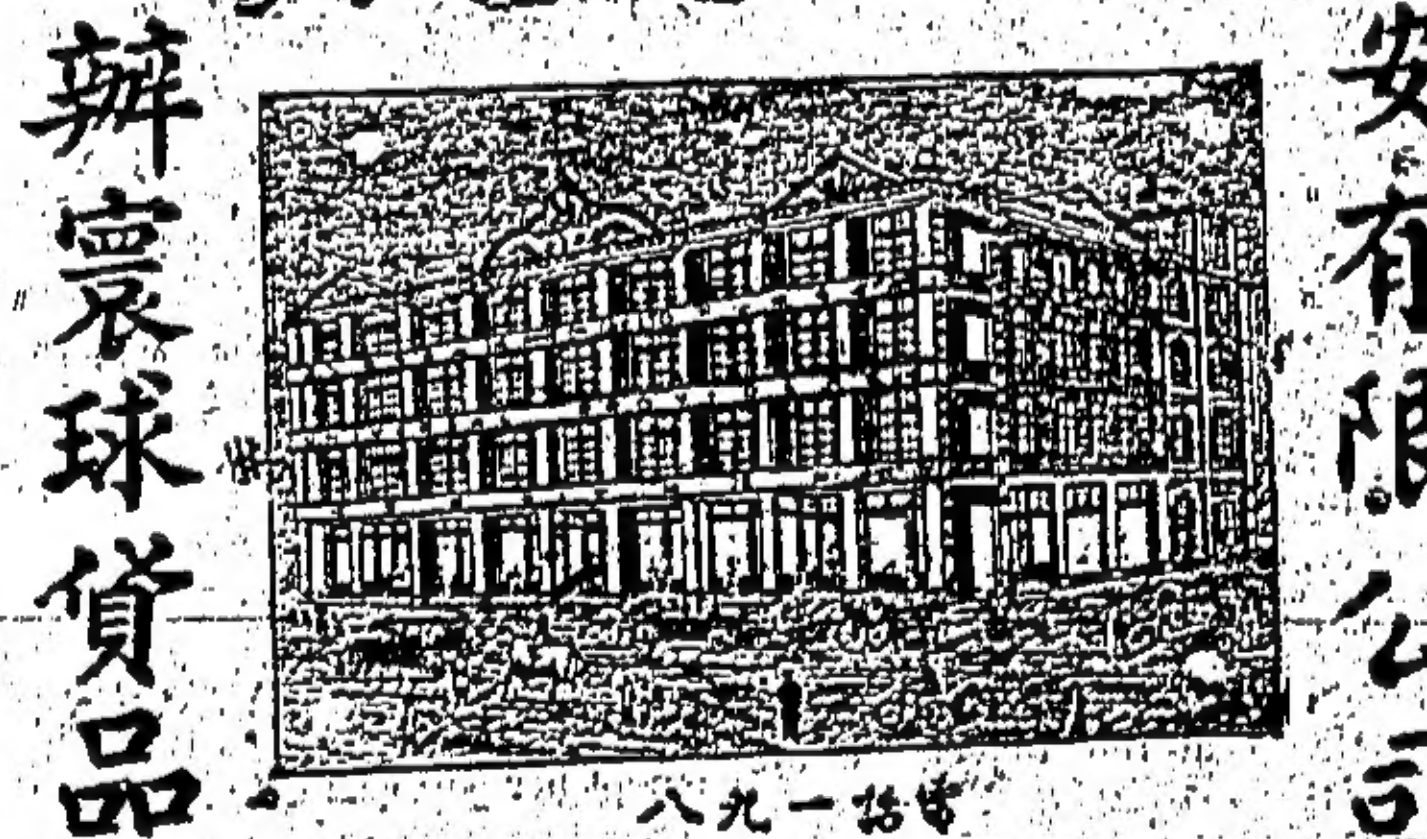
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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22, 1919.

## SIR OLIVER LOGIC.

Mankind always did worry about  
spirits and ghosts and devils and  
things. "It is not fair to blame the  
simple, superstitious minds of the  
ignorant Ages, but it is difficult to  
write without impatience of Twentieth  
Century people like Sir Oliver Lodge  
and Sir Conan Doyle, who have been  
advertising spiritualism for all they  
are worth and for much more than it  
is worth. Naturally the War has  
helped them in this stupid business,  
so many bereaved people being willing  
to clutch at any straw to soften the  
blow. Orthodox religion as yet is  
divided in its attitude. Good religious  
men naturally are tolerant when Sir  
Conan Doyle says things like this—  
"Our teaching is that dogma mat-  
ters little, that the object of all  
religion is to produce spirituality,  
that happiness in the next world  
depends on life in this. If religion  
produces spirituality it is a success;  
if it is a mere formula it is but a curse  
which eats the soul away."

On the other hand, many of the  
penchanting fraternity have set their  
faces against spiritualism as a heresy.  
Sensible men, not averse of cheap  
notoriety, oppose it because it is as  
fraudulent as it is foolish. Sir Conan  
Doyle, who appears to be stumping  
the country and lecturing on it, claims  
that such men—Lord Morley, for  
example—need only to read half a  
dozen books and to consult a couple  
of "mediums" to be converted. This  
is impudence. We have all read  
far more than that, who are genu-  
inely concerned for truth. We have  
read, for instance, "Raymond", the  
last contribution by Sir Oliver Lodge  
on the subject of communication with  
the dead; and we have been shocked  
to think it possible that people can  
be taken to take seriously such stories  
as those about the spirits manufacturing  
spiritual eggs to soothe new  
arrivals from the earth life, and suits

of "spirit-stuff" to clothe their  
immaterial bodies. This is not a jest;  
it is really and truly given by Sir  
Oliver Lodge as a message from the  
dead. Sir Conan Doyle, we see,  
claims to believe that the Clock Lane  
ghost was a genuine manifestation.  
The trouble is that respectable names  
like these carry weight with the mass  
of men. They are too apt to say, "If  
they believe, there must be something  
in it." Sir William Crookes' name has  
helped many a rascal and fool to  
maintain an argument. What is not  
generally known is that Sir William  
Crookes was very short-sighted, and  
had no right to take on the job of  
watching the tricks of "mediums." As  
it is, he admitted later on that he  
had been disgracefully deceived. Pro-  
fessor Richet in France and Pro-  
fessors Schiaparelli and Morselli  
were also "eminent men in science  
whose names have been abused. They  
made a report on the "medium"  
Eusapia Palladino which rather  
stupidly referred to the "supernormal  
character" of some of her feats. By  
this they only meant that they  
couldn't see through them, and they  
were careful to say that they did not  
accept her spiritualistic explanation.  
Her willful deceptions have long been  
notorious, but these names are still  
cited in support of the spiritualistic  
claims. It is not true to say that  
scientific men have been largely con-  
verted to tolerance of this nonsense.  
Unconscious cerebration, unconscious  
muscular action, telepathy (between  
living minds), hallucination, and  
deliberate trickery, account for all  
that has been done to date. That  
the brain is the organ of mind is not  
doubted by any really scientific man  
to-day. That there can be no function  
without the organ remains an axiom.  
Therefore, no matter what cracked  
novelist or doddering chemist goes  
round talking rubbish, common sense  
tells us that what cannot be isn't.

## CROUP.

EVERY young child is susceptible to  
croup. Don't wait until the dread-  
ful disease attacks your little one before  
you prepare for it. It comes in the  
night when children's throats are usually  
closed, and this alone should be a warn-  
ing. Get and keep Chamberlain's Cough  
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quickly and is absolutely harmless. For  
sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's date is worth 5/3 3-16.

An ex-jailbird stole an ice cream  
freedom from a cargo boat lying alongside  
the Fraya. He was arrested and given  
six weeks by Mr. J. B. Wood this  
morning.

The Empi Theatre and the Chinese  
tea-shops (which before was a  
skating rink), are being pulled down. The  
lease of the land on which they stand  
expires at the end of this month.

Arrested in Des Voeux Road West,  
with \$10 worth of morphine in his pos-  
session, a Chinese was sentenced to three  
months' hard labour by the magistrate.  
He was given the option of a \$300 fine.  
Mr. Gardiner appeared for him and  
asked for leniency.

Another U.S. Shipping Board vessel,  
the "Courageous," has been assigned for  
operation to the Pacific Mail Steamship  
Company. This boat left San Francisco  
on December 29 for Vladivostok, with a  
cargo of military supplies, and will arrive  
in Hongkong about February 5. It will be  
despatched from here about February 12.

Canton's imports on January 21, were  
168 packages of human hair for Seattle, and  
220 of wool from one for Tokyo. On Jan. 21  
there came down 410 packages of tobacco  
leaf for Cairo, 500 of casia for Marseilles,  
500 of ewing buds for New York, four of  
silk handkerchiefs for Barcelona, and 10 of  
wool from one for Tokyo.

The Royal Naval Rifle Club had a  
large attendance at their dance, in the  
Naval Theatre last night, when a nice  
programme of dances was gone through.  
The cold nip in the air added keenness and  
enjoyment to the dancing. Chief Writer  
Smith and Petty Officer Wood, were the  
responsible committee men.

A quantity of clothing and a bottle of  
bitter wine was stolen from a Chinese  
shop in Shaukiwan. Information given to  
a detective led to the arrest in an opium  
divan. The evidence in Court revealed the  
fact that he was an old-timer. He was  
sent to prison for 14 days.

A banisher, returning before the  
expiry of his term, was caught by the  
Police stepping 19 panes of glass from  
No. 31 Seymour Road. His excuse that  
he forgot the length of his banishment  
term was not considered valid and he  
was sent to prison for six months with  
an additional 14 days for stealing.

Following our announcement made  
yesterday in this official notice:—Noti-  
fication has been received at Military  
Headquarters, Hongkong, from Army Head-  
quarters in India that unless War Office  
instructions arrangements are being made  
to return to Hongkong as soon as possible  
35 men who were enlisted under the Local  
Military Service Ordinance and drafted to  
Kilkee. They will be demobilized, not  
discharged, and eventually be given Army  
Form Z.21.

The members of the Sergeants Mess,  
Lyemum, held a concert on Monday eve-  
ning, which should have taken place on  
December 31, but owing to unforeseen  
circumstances it had to be postponed. A  
most enjoyable evening was spent by all,  
the excellent part of the evening with a  
billiard tournament, followed by refresh-  
ments ably catered by Master Ganser  
(and made possible by the very kind  
assistance of the S.E.P., to which fund a  
special vote of thanks was voted. Songs  
and recitations were a pleasant, and a  
very enjoyable evening was concluded  
with the National Anthem.

HONGKONG POLICE  
RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkins,  
C.B.E.

## GOOD SERVICE MEADL.

General Order No. 4 of 1919 states:—  
His Excellency the Officer Adminis-  
tering the Government has been pleased to  
grant the Police Reserve Good Service  
Medal to P.O. 782 Thomas who has been  
commended on three occasions since  
October 1916, for zealous and meritorious  
conduct.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND  
INSPECTORS.

All Superintendents and Inspectors are  
required to attend at Headquarters Office  
on Thursday, January 23, at 5.30 p.m.  
Uniform optional.

## PROMOTION.

The H.O.C.P. approves the promotion  
of P.O. 712 Tarrant to the rank of  
Sergeant, Search Supervisors Squad.  
STRENGTH.  
P.O. 301 Robertson is permitted to  
resign on leaving the Colony, with effect  
from January 31 1919.

## CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS.

THESE Tablets are intended especially  
for disorders of the stomach, liver  
and bowels. If you are troubled with  
heartburn, indigestion or constipation  
they will do you good. For sale by all  
Chemists and Storekeepers.

HONGKONG GOVERNOR  
RESIGNS.SIR HENRY MAY'S SERVICE  
TO CEASE AT END OF  
FEBRUARY.

The "China Mail" is informed by  
Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Colonial  
Secretary, that the Officer Adminis-  
tering the Government has received a  
telegram from the Secretary of State  
for the Colonies to the effect that the  
Governor has tendered his resignation,  
which has been accepted from the end  
of February. The Secretary of State has  
accepted it with much reluctance and  
warm thanks for Sir Henry May's  
long and distinguished services. He  
does not doubt that this feeling will be  
fully shared by the Colony, for which  
he has done so much. The official  
communication adds: "His Excellency  
feels sure that the news of the resigna-  
tion of Sir Henry May will be received  
with the deepest regret by all classes of  
the community. A meeting of the  
Executive and Legislative Councils will  
be held on Saturday, January 25, at  
which a resolution will be moved.

## YACHTING.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT  
CLUB.

The fifth of the series of Club Cham-  
pionship events was sailed off on  
Saturday last, and resulted as follows:—  
HANDICAP CLASS.

Course:—Lyemum, Beacon (P), East  
Rock Bay (P), Channel Rock (S); Dis-  
tance 2 1/2 miles.

Yacht.	Course.	Time.	Corrected Time.
Dione ..	owns.	1 35	5 30 03
Rolla ..		43	5 47 00
Essai ..	receives	1 35	5 51 23
Diana ..		6 23	6 11 18
Cullen ..		6 23	6 23 18
Dorothea ..		6 40	6 43 53

Position.	Points for race.	Points to date.
(1) Rolla ..	7	28
(2) Dione ..	5	29
(3) Dorothea ..	4	14
(4) Diana ..	3	20
— Essai ..	—	—
— Cullen ..	—	—

## ONE DESIGN CLASS.

Yacht.	Course.	Time.	Corrected Time.
Allen ..	Scratch	5 20 38	5 20 38
Borika ..		5 10 51	5 10 51
Daphne ..		5 31 50	5 31 50
Halcyon ..		5 21 19	5 21 19

Position.	Pts. for race.	Pts. to date.
(1) Halcyon ..	5	9
(2) Allen ..	3	16
(3) Daphne ..	1	18
(4) Borika ..	1	11

The races for the Heyward Hays and  
Gardner Classes will have to be sailed at  
a later date, as the yachts finishing in  
this class exceeded the time limit—  
6 p.m.

## HOWITT PHILLIPS CO.

## "WITHIN THE LAW"

The second performance of this Howitt  
Phillips Co. at the Theatre Royal last  
night was entirely satisfactory, and  
there was a large and attentive audience.  
"Within the Law" is a play in 4 Acts  
by Bayard Vellier, described as an  
American "crook" play. It proved very  
interesting, and was well played right  
through, without a dull moment. The  
story concerns Mary Turner, a sales-  
woman in a large emporium owned by  
Edward Gilder. Accused of theft, she  
is sentenced to three years' imprison-  
ment. On release she becomes a "pal"  
of Joe Garson, a forger, (outlets to whom  
the audience instantly takes a liking).  
Agnes Lynch now makes her appearance,  
having been taken up by Mary Turner.  
Agnes is the lively element of the piece,  
and sends the audience into roars of  
laughter. Mary Turner marries Richard  
Gilder, a son of the emporium owner, to  
get revenge, and the news is broken to  
the father in a very thrilling finish to  
Act II. The play had the usual happy  
ending. Gertrude Godard was splendid  
as Mary Turner and had the audi-  
ence "held" on many occasions,  
until Doris Phillips, in the part of  
Agnes Lynch, brought them from  
tragedy to comedy by her humorous  
remarks, and sometimes by her very  
unexpected ejaculations. These two  
were the stars of the cast. Charles  
Howitt acted the part of Joe Garson in  
a convincing and confident style. Ronald  
Riley as a New York Police Inspector was  
very good, and caused much amuse-  
ment at times. H. B. Waring was a  
confiding husband, and acted a difficult  
and sentimental part well. On every hand  
could be heard favourable comments,  
and undoubtedly it was deserved, and  
the full house was deserved too.

To-night the company gives its last  
performance when "The Glad Eye" will  
be presented. The company excel in  
this style of play, and should again have  
a large audience.

## LECTURE ON EDUCATION.

Last night, at St. Paul's College,  
under the auspices of the C.E.M.S., an  
interesting lecture on "Education" was  
given by Mr. L. Forster, B.A., of Victoria  
British School. Professor H. G. Earle  
presided. Mr. Forster dealt first with  
the beginning of Education, which was  
in the hands of religious bodies. Not  
until 1833 did the Government recognise  
that it had any responsibility towards  
education and then it made grants, but  
these were made through the churches.  
This state of things existed up to 1870,  
when the Education Act was passed.  
This created the School Boards and  
competition began between Church  
Schools and the School Boards. The  
result was that in 1902 the Church  
schools were practically bankrupt.  
After referring to the Passive  
Resistance movement, Mr. Forster  
talked about teaching staffs. In the  
past, he said, the personality of the  
master has been of transcendent importance.  
The Victorian idea was that  
the ideal schoolmaster was a person  
who should profoundly influence the  
character of his pupils by a high moral  
tone, which would eventually be the  
means of ennobling the mass of the  
nation. In other words, the reputation  
of the State was expected to come  
through the agency of the national  
system of education. This ideal  
has now been abandoned. In place  
of the teacher who is continually  
radiating his influence over his  
pupils, with whom he is in close and  
constant association, we have a suc-  
cession of experts who give their efficient  
services and produce efficiency in their  
pupils without having much effect upon,  
or interest in, the development of their  
characters. What we are aiming at  
now is not so much culture and a high  
moral tone as commercial efficiency and  
smartness. Instead of the teacher being  
a kind of lay priest he becomes the  
tradesman selling his mental ware for  
the most that he will bring. This is more  
largely due to the modern system of  
education than to the teacher himself.  
It is very difficult to get in any bureau-  
cratic system such as the present that  
spirit and tone which are so essential in  
a perfect scheme. This is owing to the  
fact that the personal responsibility of  
the teacher is largely undermined by  
the feeling that he is merely a small  
part in the colossal machinery—inter-  
changeable at that—which works the  
system. His masters are people he  
seldom sees, while he is the victim of  
an elaborate spy system called an in-  
spectorate. The nebulous committee  
which he serves, by its strict regulations  
demands and gets its pound of flesh,  
but rarely its drop of blood.

Mr. Forster condemned the life in the  
council school, the public secondary  
school, and the new provincial univer-  
sity. In these places the keynote was  
study and efficiency, to the neglect of  
the spiritual and emotional. The result  
was that this kind of education lessened  
one form of crime but at the same time  
increased another. Crimes of brutal  
assault might lessen but others like  
embezzlement were on the increase.  
Mr. Forster proceeded:—There is no  
doubt, also, that our educational estab-  
lishments have been greatly influenced  
by America and Germany. The com-  
mercial success of these countries before  
the war caused us to modify our institu-  
tions and to make them approximate to  
those in these countries. This process  
was hastened by the war, which revealed  
so many of our educational defects. In  
a war it frequently happens that  
national character is revealed. We are  
impressed with the resources of our  
adversary, we so fix our minds on his  
points of superiority, that we imma-  
diately try to emulate and surpass him  
on those points. The Prime Minister  
said in a recent speech that the future  
of German life we had to fear more  
than his education.

The main weakness in our present  
educational system, so the lecturer  
seemed to think, was the absence of  
religious instruction. It would be  
better if the laws of God were inculcated  
in the schools. Were tolerance and love  
for our neighbours taught there would  
be fewer wars and consequently less  
waste of energy in producing armaments  
and weapons of destruction. If the  
Seventy commandments were instilled  
more deeply into the minds of the  
young and put generally, as taught  
by the Church, implanted in boys and  
girls, less would be heard of loathsome  
diseases and the energies of many  
doctors would be turned into more  
profitable directions. It is said, for  
instance, that owing to the careful  
instruction in youth the Irish are the  
most chaste men and women of the  
British Isles. The present educational  
system was, the lecturer said, lacking a  
soul.

The education of the greater part of  
the nation has passed, or is passing,  
from the keeping of the Church and  
has fallen into the arms of Commerce,  
which the old Catholics said "was *non  
pro place potest*," but which, realising the  
possibility of service, is re-shaping the  
whole body of it, rendering it more  
and more practical and paying close at-  
tention to aspects of it which were formerly  
seriously neglected. Clinics have been  
set up where free medical attention is  
given to the sick and poor child, open-  
air schools are being constructed for the  
delicate child, food-centres have been  
established for the hungry child, and  
play-centres for the idling child. Thus  
the mental and physical parts of the  
child are being catered for. It only  
the system had a soul it would be  
perfect. Of course it is seriously ques-  
tioned by many thoughtful men whether  
the State can successfully provide a  
complete education for a large part of  
education must deal, or ought to deal,  
with moral development, apart from the  
fact that many still urge that religion  
ought to be the basis of all education.  
It is to be noted that great education-  
ists like Mr. Fisher and Mr. Sailer al-  
ways disclaim any intention of closing  
down the voluntary and private institu-  
tions for which, they say, there is much

## H.M.S. "TAMAR"

HAS SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN'S  
PARTY.

On H.M.S. "Tamar" yesterday after-  
noon was held the annual fancy dress  
party for the children of the Naval Dock-  
yard, given by the Commodore in charge  
of H. M. Naval Yard. This is the social  
event of the year for many.  
Commodore V. G. Gurner, R.N., Mrs.  
and Miss Gurner, received the guests at  
the entrance to the quarter deck. Here  
the venerable old ship was a perfect  
picture. The quarter deck was entirely  
enveloped with flags and bunting, and  
with electrically lighted Chinese lanterns  
presented a charming sight. Of all the  
places decorated by the skilful Naval  
men, none previously seen equalled H.M.S.  
"Tamar" yesterday. The decorations  
excited general admiration, and H.E.  
The Officer Administering the Govern-  
ment, Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.,  
who was among the guests, was enthus-  
iastic in his praise of them.  
Primarily designed for the children's  
enjoyment, there was opportunity for  
the adults to dance, and many did, on a  
portion of the deck that was set apart  
for them.  
Before tea the children took part in  
games of which there was a varied  
selection, including the shuttle, see-saw,  
swing, life-saving, Aunt Sally, etc., and  
these were in great demand, and pro-  
vided lots of fun. After an excellent tea  
there was dancing and a parade of the  
children in fancy costumes. The many  
pretty, and in some cases striking  
dresses made a kaleidoscope of colour,  
which, enhanced by the coloured  
lights, made a fairland for the  
little folk. A prominent fancy costume  
was that of Miss Gurner who was  
attired in a replica of the uniform of a  
Chinese policeman, but much swarter.  
Mrs. Cheung's tact and experience  
were severely tested in taking a flash-  
light photograph of the party.  
The proceedings ended with the old  
fashioned country dance, "Sir Roger de  
Coverly," for which, and most of the  
other dances, Mrs. Alderman was at the  
piano. The party dispersed at 8.30  
having spent a really happy afternoon.

## TRADE INQUIRY LIST.

Hongkong merchants are invited by  
the U.S. Consul-General to correspond  
with American concerns seeking Hong-  
kong connections as listed below:—

No. 935.—Men's Underwear.—Wright's  
Underwear Company of 74 Leonard  
Street, New York City, seeks a Hong-  
kong agent for its line of Wright's high  
grade underwear for all countries and  
climates.

No. 936.—Paints, Varnishes, Roofings.  
—Mr. O. S. Orrick, President of the  
California Paint Company of Oakland,  
California, is about to visit Hongkong in  
the interest of his concern and will be  
glad to get in touch with parties inter-  
ested.

No. 937.—Automobiles, Railway Equip-  
ment, Electrical Equipment, Manufac-  
tures of Iron and Steel, etc.—The Inter-  
national Traders Corporation of 25 Beaver  
Street, New York City, invites corre-  
spondence in relation to a general line of  
exports including automobiles, railway  
equipment, electrical equipment, iron  
and steel manufactures, sole leather  
condensed milk, oils, paints, paraffine  
wax, and tobacco and cigarettes.

No. 938.—Wines.—Messrs. Luigi Calis-  
sano and Figli, Inc., of 140 W. 42nd  
Street, New York City, seek Hongkong  
connections for the introduction of Calis-  
sano wines and invite correspondence.

No. 939.—Fine Chocolates.—The  
Elmer Candy Company, Inc., of New  
Orleans, La., invites correspondence  
looking to the introduction into this  
field of their chocolates and candies.

No. 940.—Magneto Parts and Gen-  
erators.—Brushes—Paul G. Kneib and  
Co., Inc., of 330 N. Clark Street, Chicago,  
Ill., invite correspondence in relation to  
a line of magneto parts and generator  
brushes.

No. 941.—Perfumery and Toilet  
Articles.—The La Valliere Company of  
518-521 Bienville Street, New Orleans,  
La., seeks Hongkong connections for the  
introduction of a line of perfumery and  
toilet articles, and invites correspond-  
ence.

No. 942.—Ship chandlery, light and  
heavy hardware, automobile repair parts  
and accessories.—Norman S. Wright and  
Co., of 244 California Street, San  
Francisco, seek Hongkong connections  
for their line of ship chandlery, light  
and heavy hardware, automobile repair  
parts and accessories.

No. 943.—Baltana.—The Premier  
Trading Corporation of 150 Nassau  
Street, New York City, ask for samples,  
prices, and details of the trade in rattan  
peel and cane, chair cane, etc., and  
invite correspondence.

In conclusion Mr. Forster urged the  
improving of Church education, so that  
democracy might not become too over-  
bearing nor too much concerned with  
material things.

## WAR CHARITIES.

## SUBSCRIPTION LIST No. 33.

General:—	
A. S. Watson & Co.'s Staff (monthly sub.)	\$ 35
Mr. H. Skett (monthly sub.)	100
St. Andrew's Day, 1918	60,745.84
Britishers (monthly sub.)	100
Sir C. P. Chester	1,500
Ojagar Singh (monthly sub.)	10
Office Staff—Messrs. Butter- field & Swire	833.10
Staff—Messrs. Lane, Craw- ford & Co. (monthly sub.)	193
Interest on current accounts	833
Sir W. Rees-Davies (month- ly sub.)	80
Sir F. H. May (monthly sub.)	150
Mr. S. G. Newall (monthly sub.)	50
L. S. (monthly sub.)	5
Mr. C. D. Wilkinson (month- ly sub.)	20
Mr. E. Irving (monthly sub.)	80
31 Members—Institute of Engineers & Shipbuilders of Hongkong, for Novem- ber (monthly sub.)	188
P. & Co. (monthly sub.)	100
C. D. B. (monthly sub.)	25
Staff—General Post Office (monthly sub.)	30.75
Hon. Mr. Claud Severn (monthly sub.)	100
Wong Sui Woon (monthly sub.)	10
Kowloon British School— December (monthly sub.)	22
Hongkong & Kowloon Sketch Club	833.60
14 Members of Taikeo Club —Nov. (monthly sub.)	55
Mr. H. Over—Caribbean (monthly sub.)	10
Mr. T. Kring (monthly sub.)	10
Mr. F. E. A. Worsce (month- ly sub.)	5
Mr. J. P. Elmer (monthly sub.)	5
Mr. A. C. Pedersen (monthly sub.)	5
Mr. R. C. Jensen (monthly sub.)	5
Chief Inspector Kerr (month- ly sub.)	5
Sergeant Willis (monthly sub.)	5
Ladies' Working Party of the Union Church (monthly sub.)	50
Mr. J. C. Wilda (monthly sub.)	5
Members of the Sergeants' Mess, H.M.D. Corps	500
Mrs. H. G. Murray Scott (monthly sub.)	20
Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club—December (monthly sub.)	25
F. E. A. Worsce	225
R. A. C.	15
Mr. H. H. Gompertz (month- ly sub.)	20
Mr. E. Davidson (monthly sub.)	20
Mr. E. L. Agassiz (monthly sub.)	20
Mr. E. H. Sharp (monthly sub.)	20
Mr. C. G. Alabaster (month- ly sub.)	20
Balance of Hongkong St. George's Day, 1918	4,193.75
Mrs. J. M. McPherson (month- ly sub.)	10
Mr. H. T. Jackson	25
Interest on London s/c to 31/10/18, 203.7/8 at 0/4d.	559.65
Anonymous Monthly Subs.	1,883.50
Prisoners of War:—	
Mr. C. Thomas (monthly sub.)	50
Mr. Albert W. Smith (month- ly sub.)	25
Officers' Families Fund:—	
Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock (monthly sub.)	30
Anonymous Monthly Subs.	61
Pips Fund:—	
Mr. F. G. Becke (monthly sub.)	10
Soldiers and Sailors' Fam- ilies Association:—	
Mr. H. A. Nisbet (monthly sub.)	25
Red Cross:—	
Sale of Roses at H.K. Hotel	666.76
Staff—General Post Office (monthly sub.)	13.25
Sale of Roses at H.K. Hotel	227.73
Amoy Club Red Cross Book	61
Amoy Customs Club Red Cross Club Book	35.22
Blinded Soldiers and Sailors:—	
H.K. Police, per Sergt. Boul- ger (monthly sub.)	27.30
Mr. N. D. Karanjia (month- ly sub.)	50
A. W. (monthly sub.)	6



## COMPANY REPORTS.

## HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE LIMITED.

The 5th report of the board of directors for presentation on Jan. 22, reads: The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 1918.

The Directors have now to submit a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 1918. The Net Profit for that period amount to \$421,757.89 which with \$23,189.58 brought forward from last account makes an amount available for division of \$444,947.46. From this amount an Interim Dividend of \$3.50 per share has already been paid. It is now proposed to pay a Final Dividend of \$3.50 per share and after writing off Managing Directors' Fees and a Bonus to Office Staff there remains a balance of \$104,266.11 to be carried to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Mr. C. E. Anton having left the colony Hon. Mr. David Landale was invited to join the Board in his place. Mr. E. Shellin having resigned, Mr. A. H. Compton was appointed in his place. These appointments now require confirmation. Sir Paul Chater now retires by rotation, and being eligible offers himself for re-election. Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith and C. Bernard Brown who now retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1918.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital .....	\$1,000,000.00
Debitures .....	1,500,000.00
Suspense Account .....	1,500.00
Accounts Payable .....	129,967.90
Balance of Profit & Loss A/c .....	124,967.90
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$2,746,414.33</b>
ASSETS.	
Cost of Property .....	\$2,694,140.63
Amount invested in shares .....	42,837.50
Cash .....	5,785.67
Furniture .....	8,678.71
Accounts Receivable .....	8,678.71
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$2,746,414.33</b>

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1918.

DEBIT.	
To Charges .....	\$808.98
To Donations to War Charities .....	1,500.00
To Legal Expenses .....	1,500.00
To Repairs to Property .....	10,918.31
To Advertising .....	200.93
To Crown Rent .....	1,433.80
To Government Rates .....	41,131.18
To Fire Insurance .....	4,752.50
To Interest .....	4,997.99
To Commission to General Managers .....	5,648.89
To Debenture Interest .....	90,000.00
To Directors' Fees .....	4,000.00
To Auditors' Fees .....	150.00
To Balance to be appropriated as follows:—	
To Dividend of 8 per cent. 80,000.00. Balance to be carried to new Profit and Loss Account 44,967.90 .....	124,967.90
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$2,746,414.33</b>
CREDIT.	
By Balance brought forward .....	\$2,647.14
By Rent Account .....	258,849.83
By Scrip Fees .....	10.00
By Bad and Doubtful Debts recovered .....	6,276.45
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$2,922,283.42</b>

## WEST POINT BUILDING Co., Ltd.

The 3rd report of the general agents of this Company for presentation on Jan. 22, reads: The General Agents now submit a Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1918. The Net Profit for the year amount to \$71,187.80 which with \$5,698.74 the amount brought forward from the previous year, makes an amount available for division of \$76,886.54. From this amount an Interim Dividend of \$3.00 per share has already been paid, and it is now proposed to pay a Final Dividend of \$2.50 per share making a total Dividend for the twelve months of \$5.50 per share, and to carry forward the Balance of \$2,355.64 to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Mr. C. E. Anton having resigned Hon. Mr. David Landale was invited to join the Board in his place and this appointment now requires confirmation. Hon. Mr. David Landale and Mr. C. S. Gubbay now retire by rotation, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election. Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith who now retires, and offers himself for re-election.

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1918.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital .....	\$625,000.00
Accounts Payable .....	12,000.00
Balance of Profit and Loss .....	\$74,886.54
Interim Dividend Paid .....	\$7,600.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$74,886.54</b>
ASSETS.	
Cost of Property .....	\$514,801.81
Loans at Call .....	60,000.00
Accounts Receivable .....	7,251.00
Cash in hand and at Bank .....	2,334.83
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$584,387.63</b>

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

DEBIT.	
To Fire Insurance .....	\$ 3,491.60
To Charges .....	175.89
To Donations to War Charities .....	1,500.00
To Crown Rent .....	818.00
To Repairs to Buildings .....	6,887.05
To Commission to Agents .....	5,741.19
To Interim Dividend of \$2.00 for Half year .....	37,500.00
Directors' Fees .....	600.00
Auditors' Fee .....	80.00
To Balance to be Appropriated as follows:—	
Dividend of \$2.50 per share \$55,000.00. Balance to be carried to New Profit and Loss Account 337,386.64 .....	392,386.64
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$91,420.07</b>
CREDIT.	
By Balance brought forward .....	\$ 2,078.74
By Rent .....	87,000.00
By Interest .....	641.65
By Scrip Fees .....	5.00
By Unclaimed Dividends forfeited .....	104.78
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$91,420.07</b>

## HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

The 33rd report of the Board of Directors for presentation on January 22, reads: The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 1918.

The Net Profit for that period amount to \$421,757.89 which with \$23,189.58 brought forward from last account makes an amount available for division of \$444,947.46. From this amount an Interim Dividend of \$3.50 per share has already been paid. It is now proposed to pay a Final Dividend of \$3.50 per share and after writing off Managing Directors' Fees and a Bonus to Office Staff there remains a balance of \$104,266.11 to be carried to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Hon. Mr. E. Shellin having resigned Mr. A. H. Compton was invited to join the Board in his place and this appointment now requires confirmation. Messrs. C. S. Gubbay and A. H. Compton now retire by rotation, and offer themselves for re-election. Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith and C. Bernard Brown who now retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1918.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital .....	\$5,000,000.00
Equalization of Dividend .....	250,000.00
Reserve for bad or Doubtful Debts .....	9,840.68
Accounts Payable .....	2,420,702.14
Balance of Profit & Loss .....	4,489,947.46
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$12,169,790.28</b>
ASSETS.	
Cash .....	\$ 4,881.80
Amount Advanced on Mortgage .....	60,847.00
Amount Invested in Property .....	7,468,635.64
Amount Invested in Shares .....	323,214.48
Furniture Account .....	4,803.28
Accounts Receivable .....	\$3,708.64
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$12,169,790.28</b>

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1918.

DEBIT.	
To Interim Dividend of \$3.50 for the Half year .....	\$7,500.00
To Charges Account .....	31,880.18
To Donations to War Charities .....	5,000.00
To Repairs to House Property .....	38,792.84
To Advertising .....	429.30
To Fire Insurance .....	27,748.30
To Legal Expenses .....	951.30
To Interest on Loans Payable .....	\$ 7,468.64
To Interest on Mortgage, &c. .....	\$191,338.03
To Reserve for Bad or Doubtful Debts .....	9,840.68
To Directors' Fees .....	7,500.00
To Auditors' Fees .....	1,000.00
To Balance to be Appropriated as follows:—	
Managing Directors' Fees .....	\$32,323.05
Final Dividend of 3 1/2% for the Half year .....	\$174,000.00
Bonus to Staff .....	\$115,860.00
Balance to be carried to New Profit and Loss Account .....	\$104,266.11
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$734,314.29</b>
CREDIT.	
By Undivided Profits 1917 .....	\$38,188.58
By Rent .....	620,428.36
By Commission .....	19,814.18
By Scrip Fees .....	11.00
By Profit on Sales of Property .....	72,947.17
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$734,314.29</b>

## HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

The 17th report of the Board of Directors for presentation on January 22, reads: The Directors have now to submit a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 1918.

The Net Profit for the year amount to \$30,762.68 which with \$23,236.54 brought forward from last account makes an amount available for division of \$53,999.22. It is now proposed to pay a Dividend of 7 per cent. on the paid up Capital, after providing for which there remains a balance of \$108,224.22 to be carried to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. C. S. Gubbay now retire, and offer themselves for re-election. Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith and C. Bernard Brown who now retire, and are recommended for re-election.

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1918.

LIABILITIES.	
Nominal Capital 25,000 Shares of \$100 each .....	\$2,500,000.00
Issued Capital 12,500 Shares of \$100 each .....	\$1,250,000.00
7 1/2% per share being called up .....	\$37,500.00
Accounts Payable .....	612.80
Balance of Profit and Loss .....	683,959.22
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$4,471,061.02</b>
ASSETS.	
Cash in hand and at Bank .....	\$ 10,741.58
Amount invested in Mortgage .....	220,568.34
Amount invested in Shares .....	415,903.53
Amount invested in Property .....	858,563.40
Loans at Call .....	110,000.00
Furniture .....	688.73
Accounts Receivable .....	2,703.61
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$4,471,061.02</b>

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1918.

DEBIT.	
To Charges Account .....	\$ 7,500.17
To Donations to War Charities .....	1,400.00
To Repairs to Property .....	2,176.63
To Crown Rent Account .....	5,083.60
To Government Rates Account .....	5,232.91
To Fire Insurance Account .....	739.45
To Directors' Fees .....	5,000.00
To Auditors' Fees .....	100.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$28,732.66</b>
CREDIT.	
By Balance brought forward .....	\$ 2,078.74
By Rent .....	87,000.00
By Interest .....	641.65
By Scrip Fees .....	5.00
By Unclaimed Dividends forfeited .....	104.78
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$91,420.07</b>

## SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held in the Board office yesterday afternoon, presided over by Mr. A. Gibson and attended by the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E., Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Lieut. Col. Crisp and Messrs. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., F. B. L. Bowley, Chan Kai-ming, S. W. Tse, Mrs. A. D. Hocking (M. O. H.) and Mrs. D. Danby (Secretary).

Pursuant to notice, Mr. E. R. L. Bowley asked:—“With reference to His Excellency's remarks at the Legislative Council on 17 October last (which were reported as follows:—“If you want a poultry market you can have it at once”) will the Head of the Sanitary Department inform the Board what steps have been, or are being taken to provide a wholesale poultry market? And will the Head of the Sanitary Department submit to the Board any plan (whether complete or not) which have been prepared with reference to such market?”

The Chairman replied:—Shortly after the meeting of the Legislative Council referred to, H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and the unofficial members visited the site proposed for a wholesale poultry market. The general impression was that the site was unsuitable, and the opinion was expressed by one member that it would be to the benefit of the poorer classes if the wholesale business was abolished. It was agreed that the parties interested should be allowed experimentally to occupy the proposed site, erecting temporary buildings on their own account, and they were informed accordingly. They have taken no steps in the matter. In the opinion of the Government the proper place for a poultry depot is at Cemetery Road, in the cattle depot. A site there has been offered to, and has been refused by the dealer.

The Police have been instructed strictly to enforce the law as regards street obstruction in the neighbourhood of K'o Shing Street.

Mr. Bowley: I understood that the whole matter has been shelved. The Chairman: The place has been offered to the poultry-dealers who have taken no steps whatever to get into possession or use it in any way. Mr. Tse remarked that he understood that the poultry-dealers were taking certain steps in the matter. The site offered them by the Government, was considered too small; they, therefore, did not want to use it. He asked whether the Board had received the plans from the Government, so that the members might see what area was granted the poultry-dealers.

The Chairman replied that they could hardly discuss the answer to the question. If there was to be any further discussion, they should move a formal resolution.

Mr. Alabaster rose to a point of order. He wished to draw the attention of the Board to the fact that the last part of the question had not been answered at all. It was with regard to whether the Head of the Sanitary Department would submit to the Board any plan, whether complete or not, which had been prepared with reference to such a market.

The Chairman replied that the Government had offered that piece of ground to the poultry-dealers under certain conditions. The conditions had not been accepted by the poultry-dealers on the ground stated by Mr. Tse—that there was not sufficient room for the business. With regard to the preparation of a plan, he did not know whether it was ready or not. A plan was being prepared.

Mr. Bowley wished to know what the conditions were. The Chairman replied that it would be better to propose a formal resolution. The matter then dropped.

Subsequently Mr. Alabaster said: I wish to give notice of a question, I will ask at the next meeting. In order to enable the Board to consider the reasonableness, or otherwise, of the attitude taken up by poultry-dealers, I will ask the President to obtain, and to lay before the Board, any plan which may have been prepared with reference to the proposed poultry market.

The Chairman remarked that it would be simpler to move it as a resolution. Mr. Alabaster replied that if the answer was in the affirmative it could be discussed. He wished an answer laid upon the table, the second part of Mr. Bowley's question.

Balance to be appropriated as follows:—  
Dividend of 7 1/2% for the year ..... \$ 65,825.00 || Balance to be carried to New Profit and Loss Account ..... | \$18,334.22 |
| **Total** ..... | **\$84,159.22** |

By Balance from Last Account ..... \$223,206.54 || By Rent ..... | 40,824.85 |
By Interest Account .....	46,484.51
By Scrip Fees .....	1.00
**Total** .....	**\$310,516.90**

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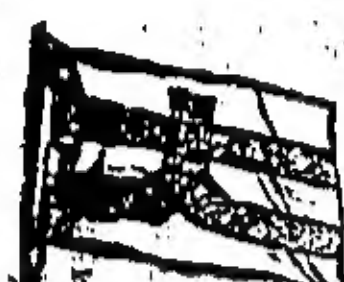
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SHANGHAI	SUNNING	Jan. 23, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Jan. 23, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	CHINAN	Jan. 25, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Jan. 27, at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Jan. 27, at Noon.
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SHANGHAI	TAISANG	TUESDAY, Jan. 28, at 3 p.m.
HAIKONG	LOONGSANG	TUESDAY, Jan. 28, at 3 p.m.
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## SHIPPING

## SHIPPING DEBATE.

The shipping position was the subject  
of an interesting debate in the House of  
Commons recently.

Mr. Duncanson, in introducing the subject, declared that our net was deficit of 3,500,000 tons represented as grave a problem as was ever faced by a Government Department charged with the duty of keeping up our supplies. He contended that the changes which had taken place during the last four years had placed us at a tremendous disadvantage. The United States was building with great rapidity, and he suggested that its ambition was to be possessed of the greatest mercantile fleet in the world. In his view, there was only one means of holding our own against the American flag, and that was by superseding and running our vessels more economically than the Americans. In addition, Scandinavia and Holland had accumulated enormous reserves. He urged that 500 or 600 of the 1,200 merchant ships, which at one time were in the service of the Navy, should be released at once, and devoted to carrying coal to other countries and bringing back food.

Mr. Holt asked for a definite announcement that shipbuilding was going to be made free, and argued that standard ships had not proved a satisfactory proposition.

Sir L. Channon, replying for the Government, stated that the shipping controller was determined at the earliest possible moment to restore normal conditions in the shipping trade. He announced that it was the policy of the Government to sell Government ships to private owners, and that a beginning had been made. He then upon the great gravity of the submarine danger in the spring of last year, and in a statistical defence of his Department, showed the large measure of success with which the menace had been met. He gave some particularly interesting figures about the convey system, for the whole period from the date of its inception in the summer of 1917 down to November 2 last. Although the convey system included about 47,000,000 gross tons of merchant shipping, and the losses were less than 1.1 per cent. As for the standard ships, 115 had been completed, of which we had got 100 still.

In an illuminating passage the Minister explained that when the war broke out there were perhaps 250,000 men engaged in shipbuilding, engineering, and repairs. The number now was 381,000, of whom only 115,000 were engaged on new merchant ship work. He asked whether the division of the persons available was not justified by results. He suggested that the submarine campaign had only been beaten because the Government had devoted the available labour supply more largely to the Admiralty side than to the merchant shipping side. He thought it was not an unfair conclusion that if a larger amount of labour had been put on the merchant shipping side and a smaller part on the naval side, the war might very possibly have been lost.

Turning to the prospects for the immediate future, Sir L. Channon explained that, with shipyard workers returning from the front, and a transfer of labour from naval yards to merchant shipping yards, they could reckon upon another 1,000,000 tons a year. In a little while, the total output might reach 3,000,000 tons a year.

## P. &amp; O. LINE TO AUSTRALIA.

An early resumption of the P. & O. mail service between England and Australia is anticipated. The Sydney agents for the line, Messrs. Macdonald, Hamilton and Co., have been advised that the new big steamers Naldem and Narkunda, both of nearly 18,000 tons, were handed over a few days ago. Up to the present the vessels have not been fitted up for passengers, the Admiralty requiring them for the cargo trade. This work is to be put in hand immediately, and it will not be long before they are ready for the trade for which they were constructed. Both the new steamers are capable of travelling 19 knots, and there is a possibility of a reduction in the steaming time between England and Australia. Other vessels of the P. & O. fleet will soon be in Australia, but a time table cannot be announced until they complete the duty now allotted them.

## PACIFIC MAIL'S PLANS.

Expansion of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. by the transfer of several large steamships from United States Government control is dependent on whether the government shall decide to lease or sell outright the vessels under its jurisdiction, according to advice in San Francisco by steamship men, says the San Francisco "Chronicle."

N. De Tush, president of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and executive officer of the American-International Corporation, is quoted as New York as having said—  
The Pacific Mail has under consideration plans for a great increase in the efficiency of its transportation service by the construction of large and fast steamships. These plans are awaiting the decision of the Government as to its policy of steamship disposal—whether to lease or sell steamships for private control. Private control will mean cheaper operation and the maximum of efficiency. The company cannot take definite action until we know what the Government will do.





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